the implementing States/UTs. In view of the suggestions given by the States and provision in the scheme for its review, a process for the review of NAIS has been initiated. A proposal for the review of NAIS has been prepared and submitted to the Ministry of Finance, for the consideration of Expenditure Finance Committee (EFC).

The proposed modified scheme would cover more crops (perennial crops), provide for smaller unit area of insurance, small and marginal farmers will continue to avail 50% premia-subsidy etc. At the same time, financial liability of the Government may be reduced because of further rationalization of premium structure and limiting the sum insured up to Rs. 50,000/-.

Seed Crop Insurance Scheme

3130. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to refer to answer to Starred Question 266, given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th December, 2001 and to state the details of sum assured for each crop and the number of farmers covered under the pilot scheme on Seed Crop Insurance, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): The State-wise details of sum insured for each crop and number of farmers covered thereunder, is enclosed as Statement.

Statement

State-wise/crop-wise number of farmers covered and details of sum insured under Pilot Scheme on Seed Crop Insurance.

RABI 1999-2000

State	Crop	Number of Farmers	Sum insured (Rs.)
Haryana	Gram	13	1171440
Karnataka	Sun-flower	2	96000
Orissa	Paddy	27+2 Farm	671364
Rajasthan	Gram	Farm only	4449875
Uttar Pradesh	Wheat	242	7300000
TOTAL:		274+Govt. Farms	13688679

KHARIF-2000

State	Crop	Number of Farmers	Sum insured (Rs.)
Orissa	Paddy	76+Govt. Farm	2655288
Gujarat	Groundnut	17	1724526
TOTAL:		93+Govt. Farms	4379814

RABI 2000-2001

State	Crop	Number of Farmers	Sum insured (Rs.)
Karnataka	Jowar-Hybrid	15	469050
TOTAL:		15	469050

RABI 2001-2002

State	Crop	Number of Farmers	Sum insured (Rs.)
Madhya Pradesh	Wheat	Govt. Farms	65490
	Gram	Govt. Farms	211700
TOTAL:			277190

Fund for drought hit farmers

3131. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to create Rs. 500 crore fund, for providing relief package to drought-hit farmers; and

(b) if so, what are the details of this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICUTLURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) There is already a National Calamity Contingency Fund to assist the State Governments to finance expenditure on relief in the event of natural calamities which cannot be allocated within the balance available in the Calamity Relief Fund of the States. This fund has been created in pursuance of the Eleventh Finance Commission for the period 1st April, 2000 to